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THIS (Friday) EVENING, 2nd, at 8.45 p.m.

In the presence of the COUNCIL and SUITE,

SIR HENRY PARKER, K.C.M.G.,

THE MINISTRY OF N. S. W.,

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THIS DAY, FRIDAY AND TO-MORROW, SATURDAY,

AFTERNOON AND EVENING.

The following Bands will be in attendance:—

THE PERMANENT ARTILLERY BAND (Bandmaster Mr. Deverey), kind permission of Col. ROBERTS.

THE FIRST REGIMENT BAND (Bandmaster Mr. Douglas), kind permission of Col. FARRELL.

THE NAVAL BRIGADE BAND (Bandmaster Mr. Deville), kind permission of Captain HIXON, Captain LINDEMAN, and the BAND COMMITTEE.

THE SECOND REGIMENT BAND (Bandmaster Mr. McMahon), kind permission of Colonel GOODLET.

H.M.S. VERNON BAND, by kind permission of the Hon. Minister for Public Instruction.

YOUNG AUSTRALIAN BAND, kindly volunteered to play

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Tickets to be obtained at the PRINCIPAL BUSINESS HOUSES,

Mr. QUONG TART'S PAMPHLET

on THE OPTIMUM QUESTION

will be sold at the various stalls.

Proceeds to be devoted entirely to the Fund.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

A FINAL MEETING will be held at the Exhibition Building, THIS (Friday) MORNING, at 10 a.m. sharp.

ADMISSION—ONE SHILLING.

Children, 6d.

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N.B.—The Ladies and Gentlemen of the Executive and Working Committees are respectfully requested to be at the Exhibition Building, at 2 p.m. sharp, THIS DAY.

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Mr. CYRIL DE VALMENCY

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For full particulars see CONCERT PROGRAMME.

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**Public Companies.**

**THE AUSTRALASIAN TRUST MANAGEMENT AND INVESTMENT COMPANY, Limited.**

The attention of shareholders in this Company and of those who are about to subscribe for shares of either of its New Issues is requested to call their attention to the following statement from the Australian Stock Exchange, revised to the last date of the present paid up and selling price per share, and the annual dividends paid and their equivalent yield per cent. per annum:

Name of Company.	Paid.	Price.	Divd.	Yield p.c.
Colonial Orphan Trust	\$10,000	\$10,000	50	5
Colonial Estate Trust	\$10,000	\$10,000	50	5
Board of Education	\$10,000	\$10,000	50	5
Middlebury & Co., Ltd.	\$10,000	\$10,000	50	5
Garrison Ass. and Trust	\$10,000	\$10,000	50	5
Grand-Buff B. & Co.	\$10,000	\$10,000	50	5
Uten B. & Co. Trust	\$10,000	\$10,000	50	5
Brown B. & Co. Exch.	\$10,000	\$10,000	50	5
Pearl Fire and Trust	\$10,000	\$10,000	50	5
Colonial Bank of N.S.W.	\$10,000	\$10,000	50	5
Colonial Bank of Eng.	\$10,000	\$10,000	50	5
Transvaal Trusts	\$10,000	\$10,000	50	5
Total	\$10,000	\$10,000	50	5
	75			

"These shares are now quoted at \$10,000 per share, and the dividends in the company, the depositors continue to receive their rents or interest before the above dividends."

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## IN THE HOUSE.

Things went brokenly yesterday in the House. Nobody seemed to know nothing at all about what nobody was going to say about nobody. Mr. Abbott was worn in his words, and seemed "right down riled." The Property Tax was one thing in which he spurned his Promethean fire-drill from Mr. Abbott's— and the disorganisation of the Opposition was another. He did not like the implication that he couldn't keep his political war horses in order. He was Chief Custodian of the Banche, and his party were united, and they would make things "hum" yet. He had an idea that the Government did not know what they were doing exactly; for professionally free trade they had put a clause in the Railways Bill preventing the Commissioners from purchasing material outside of New South Wales. Was not that protection? But Mr. Abbott wanted to know why the Government put a tax on beer and not on wine. No, the Government were free traders gone mad. When the Brutus of Debate sat down the Cossacks of Rostov stood up in the person of the Minister for Lands. No one could accuse the Minister for Lands with lack of enthusiasm, or lack of voice. He, "tear a passion to tatters, to very rags, to split the ears of the groundlings." He found no fault with Mr. Copeland's right to make the motion, but he objected to the lack of wisdom in bringing it forward now. The Minister for Lands thinks like chain-lightning, and speaks like thunder having a holiday. During the rest in the wavy-sounds there could be heard certain echoes which gave an idea that Mr. Garrett meant to say that Mr. Copeland's motion was a poor subterfuge and a party movement, and that the Opposition were dictating to the choices of the people, to the honest legislators of the present Government. Mr. Garrett did not say a great deal, though he used a good many words. He did assert that only in a very slight degree had the Government resorted to new taxation, and that was in the excise on beer. "When we made a Property Tax," said Mr. Garrett, "we can put it on" "but before we do so, we will bring in a Local Government Bill, which will make the way clear for a Property Tax."

The Chamber wandered on in an aimless way for a while, and then Mr. McElhone lifted up his voice again the Philistines. Mr. McElhone is always "again somebody," and this time he was "again" the Opposition. As for colonial beer, it was the "agin" of holiness, and he was in the laud of holiness of holiness, an agin the last the people drank it at the latter. Then, Mr. Copeland, "I have been a pifid god-father to Mr. Copeland," for once he had two seats at his disposal, and he had not placed one at the disposal of Mr. G. S. Well, now he wished he hadn't. Mr. McElhone made a flaming prophecy about the post-electoral future of the Opposition, in which Mr. Webb would be a pyramidal of observation. When Mr. McElhone had reluctantly taken his seat, the Immortal Mr. O'Sullivan, in his usual pugnacious way, proceeded to dig out a few good points, and keep some small talk with the interlocutory members of the House, and particularly with Mr. McElhone, who defined himself as the progenitor of the Stuart-Dibbs Government which he had "trashed." Is Mr. McElhone to go down to posterity as the Warwick or Godwin of Governments? Judicis? If Mr. O'Sullivan would get rid of a goal deal of looseances of expression and side-tall, he would lose nothing in effect. Mr. O'Sullivan was of the opinion that the Government would have a lot of unenforced election pledges for sale, and with patches of Adam Smith and spars of clever sentences, he after a while stumbled upon a vigorous advocacy of a land, income, and property tax. Then, ramming over the falls of Government inconsistency, he pulled up at last with a prompt shot at Alfred Allen, and Mr. Fraser Martin stood up.

Mr. Fraser Martin said he was shy and modest, and therefore they must not expect much of a speech from him. Well, they didn't get it. It is a pity that the spirit does not move members to speak when they have nothing to say. "Silence is better than speech, and deep peace than the warning of words" with some. It was a sort of maiden speech that Mr. Fraser Martin made.

"He stood a spell on one foot first,

And on which one he fell the next."

He couldn't have told you either."

Mr. Martin was painfully self-conscious. He toyed with the papers on the table, he fumbled in his vest pocket. He was aiming his objectives like a fine-wooden horse of Troy, and was generally determined that the Opposition shouldn't put him or the Government "in a corner," an "hust' me" the mighty structure of apoplectic legislation. Everybody wanted a chance to speak last night, and Mr. Tonkin got the next chance. He could not understand why the leader of the Opposition did not keep to his pledge that he would keep down factional opposition, and then he entered a crusade against the brewers and publicans, and wound up by saying that now the Opposition was bound to support Sir Henry if he brought in a Property Tax. The House has now got so used to the word—"Jugment" of Mr. McElhone that his last night's harangue caused more amusement than anything else. Mr. McElhone has mistaken his calling, and been placed upon this wicked world after his time. He ought to have lived eighty years ago, and been an instant tempest—crushed, of course, Chain lightning, saltires, and chlorate of potash, oxygen, hydrogen and all the elements—are part of Mr. McElhone's speaking attributes. One could understand why Job would not have been a hero of patriotic fealty if he had been a member of the Parliament of New South Wales. To have listened every night to Mr. McElhone's impotent and pitiful abuse of all privilege would have been too much.

After Mr. McElhone had exhausted himself and the House as well, Mr. Alfred Allen arose with a smile of luminous suggestion, and then unburdened himself of long pent-up fire. O, a master of satire is the member for Paddington—a noble grand master! He hurried with rolling r's the imitations of his immortal opponent back into his tooth. Mr. Alfred Allen is a fine combination of prophet and panjandrum. He says some good things at times, but he lets himself loose in the past-holdes of his imagination, and he gets fractions. He kicks over the traces when he gets on the shell-road of Parliamentary procedure, and has to be called to order by the Speaker too often for any sort of fun. Mr. Alfred Allen was intended for an orator, but he hasn't got into Parliamentary oaths yet, and he faulces he is in the weekly meeting of the library for promoting the education of intellect among the children of P. Addison, Esq. Mr. Alfred Allen insists on invoking the Eumenides, and uses the name of his mother, Mrs. Hester, in the description of a great colony like New South Wales that does not require to resort to cruelty and injustice in order to save a few thousand pounds per annum; and that it is an act of cruelty and injustice to throw a large body of men, many of whom are poor families to support, and record, whether in the higher or lower grades, and refused to make any fresh appointments for some years, or until the situation of time had put matters straight.

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Mr. Hesell wanted a fair and square policy and no half-and-half affair. He hasn't much opinion of Mr. Alfred Allen or his flatulent tirade upon the Opposition. Mr. Hesell thought that they might let the dead rest, and leave the beastly Gibbs Government alone. The property tax came in for its due share of notice, and the excise on beer as well. The poor man gets a great deal of attention these days, and it furnishes a capital topic for Parliamentary talk. Whenever the matter runs low, the political Jove calls out, "Once more into the breach, dear friends," and the poor man gets clothed again in the sympathetic tones of the disciples of Demos. Mr. Hesell, like his political brethren, got warm, and bruised his knuckles on the table, while he harried rotted sentences at the Premier, who did not take it quite as coolly as usual. He found it necessary to say, "It is not true; it is not true" to the statement that the Government were the slaves of the monomaniac class. Mr. Hesell bore witness that the monomaniac class, in the country, by

saying that those who knew the interior knew full well how many hundreds of unemployed there were starving in the land. He thought the party tax was the fairest taxation on earth. Mr. Carruthers, in his young polemic way, was good enough to show that the cry of the Opposition was a false one, and Mr. Carruthers strikes rock-bottom, and would keep his footing sometimes if he didn't continually show the House that he was a Prince Royal in the Home of Political Highlanders.

Mr. Ellis, member for Newcastle, was not in very good humour with either side of the House. He is seemed to be dissatisfied with everything and everybody, and he became a lance-bearer against Sir Henry Parkes. He has hitherto seemed to be with the Government; but he wanted no piecemeal legislation. It must be something more than the poor scheme of the Present. He could in ten minutes make a better Customs tariff. He was here to bring the Government the Commission from purchasing material outside of New South Wales. Was not that protection? But Mr. Abbott wanted to know why the Government put a tax on beer and not on wine. No, the Government were free traders gone mad. When the Brutus of Debate sat down the Cossacks of Rostov stood up in the person of the Minister for Lands. No one could accuse the Minister for Lands with lack of enthusiasm, or lack of voice. He, "tear a passion to tatters, to very rags, to split the ears of the groundlings."

He found no fault with Mr. Copeland's right to make the motion, but he objected to the lack of wisdom in bringing it forward now. The Minister for Lands thinks like chain-lightning, and speaks like thunder having a holiday. During the rest in the wavy-sounds there could be heard certain echoes which gave an idea that Mr. Garrett meant to say that Mr. Copeland's motion was a poor subterfuge and a party movement, and that the Opposition were dictating to the choices of the people, to the honest legislators of the present Government. Mr. Garrett did not say a great deal, though he used a good many words. He did assert that only in a very slight degree had the Government resorted to new taxation, and that was in the excise on beer. "When we made a Property Tax," said Mr. Garrett, "we can put it on" "but before we do so, we will bring in a Local Government Bill, which will make the way clear for a Property Tax."

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the cause of the catastrophe; and a commission that is equal to such a task should be appointed of experts, and of disinterested experts. Whether it is possible to secure such a Commission is not for us to say, but we are quite sure that it would be better to have no inquiry than one that was conducted by incompetent or prejudiced men. The coroner's inquest made it abundantly clear that men who know very much about coal mines, and who have spent most of their lives in them, have the least possible acquaintance with some of the subjects with which the Commission will have to deal. Mistakes have been made in regard to other inquiries; there should be none made about this.

In these days when there are so many people who have less railway communication than they want, it is refreshing to find persons who think they have more that they ought to get. It is also noteworthy, when everybody is grabbing for something at the expense of the community, to find a district which rejects conveniences to the rest of the public. Patriotism is too rare to allow us to undervalue it when we meet it. Here is a remarkable instance.

It seems that Mr. THOMSON, the member for West Maitland, has addressed a letter to the Minister for Works against a contemplated arrangement to run two early morning trains from Newcastle northward. He contends that it is useless and costly to run two trains which were to be used and costly to run two trains which were to be used. Some time back two trains were run, and he alleged entailed a loss of £900 a year on the Railway Department whilst they were running. The trial of the two trains had failed, and one of them was taken off. Therefore there was no justification for a repetition of it. Mr. THOMSON is not alone in thinking that the second train is superfluous. The *Newcastle Mercury* declares that the "mail train started from Newcastle at 7 o'clock served every conceivable purpose of accommodation to the travelling public. The express was a costly superiority which no one asked for, which produced inconvenience and annoyance, and in which no way expedited the travelling of passengers beyond Singleton." As this opinion is a common one in the Hunter district, we imagine that the Minister will not persist in pressing the convenience. A second matter to which Mr. THOMSON draws attention, does not seem so patriotic, but may nevertheless be right; for if the raising of the fares on a part of the line, which paid well, has had the effect of diminishing the traffic, there really may be loss to the Department. Where there is a dense population traffic may be encouraged by low fares, and Mr. THOMSON's plea for them may be allowed.

Among the life insurance institutions which are progressing forward into large figures is the National Mutual Life Association of Australasia. Although only in its eighteenth year, its last annual report showed that it occupied the eighth place among all British life insurance companies as regards the amount assured in the year ending in 1886. Its triennial report now issued discloses progress in all departments of work, that promises to give stability. Although several of the colonies have passed through a period of depression the society has managed to secure an amount of business about equal to that obtained in the previous triennium, the number of policies issued being 12,674, against 12,539 for the three years ended in 1883. The number of policies in force was 20,460, the sum assured and bonuses amounting to £5,118,557. What may be taken as an evidence of care in the selection of lives, as well, no doubt, of the favourable conditions of life in Australia, is the low mortality rate; only 365 claims for £101,024 having been made, against 471 for £123,436 expected. To some extent we have in the past argued against the high rate of expenditure on the part of some of our engineering societies, the answer given has been that necessary, in early stages the expense must be relatively high. It has been affirmed that they would become less as the proportion of renewal premium to the total sum increased. The report before us shows that this is the case with this society, the percentage of expenses to premium income being 3 per cent. less than in the previous triennium. That this reduction of expense is likely to go will be deemed satisfactory. Then, also, the interest realised was £14,980 per annum, more than was assumed in the valuation. That the three main factors to a satisfactory business were developed within the triennium is shown in an increase of the funds from £304,427 to £273,379, which includes a surplus of no less than £59,082. Of this £52,000 will be distributed among the policy-holders. The figures indicate developments on the right lines and sugar well for the society's now numerous membership.

#### NEWS OF THE DAY.

The P. & O. Company's R.M.S. *Surat* arrived at Albany from Colombo yesterday afternoon.

Yester evening afternoons His Excellency the Governor paid an official visit to St. Vincent's College, Victoria-street. Lord Carrington was accompanied by Lady Carrington and Captain Gasecoigne. The party reached the college at 4 o'clock, and were received by Cardinal Moran and the Reverend Mother. Amongst those present was the Hon. Nicholas Fitzgerald M.L.C. (Melbourne), M.L.A.; T. M. Slattery, D. O'Connor, John M'Elhone, M.L.A.; the Very Rev. Dr. O'Hara, the Very Rev. Dr. Carroll, G. W. Morris, W. P. Manning, R. Franser, J. Hourigan, J. G. O'Connor, Dr. M. J. Clune and Keenan. About 150 pupils of the college were assembled in the school, and under the direction of Herr Hugo Alpen sang the cantata which was composed for the opening of the college, and to which two verses of welcome were added. Two little girls, pupils of the college, then presented Lady Carrington with bouquets of flowers, and an address of welcome was read by one of the young boys. His Excellency the Governor called briefly to the address, shaking the hand of the college for their attachment and cordiality to Lady Carrington and himself, and expressing the pleasure it gave him to visit the institution. The "Cardinal's March" was then played. After having been conducted over the institution the distinguished visitors took their departure.

The agent of the Governor to the Clerk of Petty Sessional Court Bill was introduced in the Assembly yesterday afternoon, and the bill will therefore come into force on the date named in the measure, 1st January, 1888.

The debate upon Mr. Copeland's motion of censure was resumed in the Legislative Assembly yesterday afternoon at an early hour by Mr. Abbott, who, while admitting it was not expected by the Opposition that the motion would be carried, considered that the members for New England had done good service in drawing attention to the inconsistency of the Government's policy. It was not unlikely, in Mr. Abbott's opinion, that the Treasury's proposals would be passed by the House, but he would add, he had the best of hopes there. The sessionary tax had been voted for a property tax also had been proposed, but as a tax of that nature was not among the proposals, the Government were pledged to introduce a Local Government Bill, and that bill could not be said, he brought into operation unless every inch of land of property of all kinds in the country was first valued and assessed. When that valuation and assessment had been made, it would be easy to introduce a property tax, for the machinery would then be simple, and one clause would be sufficient to bring the tax into operation. As soon as the ground had been fully cleared for the consideration and application of a tax of this kind, it would be applied, and our taxation would then be not only systematic, but honest and fair in every respect.

The debate was continued until 1 o'clock this morning, when the motion of the member for New England was negatived by 64 votes to 19.

As the conclusion, this morning, of the debate in the Assembly on Mr. Copeland's motion of censure, Sir Henry Parkes made an important statement to the House with reference to the Imperial Conference and

the question of the naval defence of the colonies. He had received, he said, from the New South Wales representatives at the Conference a telegram asking for the approval of the Government to a scheme of naval defence; but as he had regarded the Conference as purely consultative he advised the telegram with astonishment, and the Government had forwarded it to a messenger in which they stated that they did not feel called upon to express any approval at this stage of the proposal submitted to the Conference. The colony, they pointed out, was represented on the basis of the conditions laid down in Mr. Stanhope's despatch, and though they would be anxious to act in consultation with the other Australian colonies with a view to secure united concurrence in any scheme of naval defence, they desired to express the opinion that any such agreement to be of a lasting character must receive the sanction of the respective Australian Parliaments.

The Government desired in the Legislative Assembly yesterday to proceed a step in their intention to introduce and pass a bill to provide for the appointment of a sixth Judge of the Supreme Court; and a motion was moved by the Minister for Justice that the House should go into committee to consider the expediency of introducing the bill. But Mr. Abbott pointed out what he described as the inconsistency between such a course and the announcement of the Colonial Secretary last Friday morning that no business would be transacted with until Mr. Copeland's motion had been disposed of, and Sir Henry Parkes, apparently seeing the force of the objection raised by the leader of the Opposition, said that the motion to go into committee would be withdrawn, and it was withdrawn accordingly.

Mr. AMBROZ called attention in the Legislative Assembly last evening to a clause in the Railway Bill, which, he said, indicated a want of consistency on the part of the Government to the free-trade principle to which they were pledged. The clause, which reads as follows, really appeared, he said, to be introduced in the interests of protection:—"Provided that the commissioners shall not enter into any such contract for the supply, either directly or indirectly, from places outside New South Wales of material, locomotive engines, or other motive power, or of any other material or thing, without the sanction of the Governor." The clause, we are informed, was not embodied in the measure for a protective purpose, or intended for the exclusive benefit of the colonial manufacturer. The object of its framers was to prevent a repetition of what has taken place in this colony in the past, and what has taken place in Victoria, being possible here in the future, under the circumstances of the colony he would really be unable to do any business. There were 120 members of Parliament, and probably in all their electorates there were roads as bad as the one the delegation were interested in. He was willing to receive information upon any matter which was engaging the attention of the Department at any time, but he really could not consent to receive deputations on other than the appointed day in each week.

Two deputations will be received by the Colonial Secretary to-day; one, at 11 a.m., with reference to the Tunun railway, and the other from the municipal council of Waratah regarding special endowments. Five deputations will wait upon the Minister for Works; the first, at 10:30 a.m., from the municipality of Waratah, with reference to a special grant for roads; the second regarding a goods siding at Carlton, on the Illawarra line, the third from Paddington, urging the necessity for wood-paving in Oxford-street; the fourth in favour of the duplication of the railway line from Granville to Liverpool; the fifth from Central Illawarra respecting the station buildings at Unander. The Minister for Mines will receive three deputations—half past 10 o'clock, relative to a park for St. Peters; the second at 11 o'clock re appointment of trustees for Peter Stark Park; and the third at half past 12, with respect to the eradication of the sweet briar. The Postmaster-General will at 11 o'clock receive a deputation from Hornsby relative to mail communication with that place; and the Minister for Lands will at half past 11 o'clock be waited upon by a deputation from Newcastle and Waratah, who wish to make certain representations regarding the commutation question. On Monday, at 11 a.m., the Colonial Treasurer will receive a deputation from the Associated Bankers.

A LITTLE over a month ago a deputation from the Illawarra district waited upon the Minister for Works, asking that a long line of railway, which was much required, should be completed, and that trains should be run on the Illawarra Railway as far south, and from Clifton, as completed. The Minister promised that the line should be constructed on the most economical site possible, to test the traffic far which it might be required, and he said he took the case of the unemployed into serious account in connection with the work being proceeded with at once. Up to the present time, however, no steps have been taken with regard to the construction of the line, on account of departmental difficulties. The Commissioner for Railways, it was understood, estimates the cost of the work at not more than £500,000, while the Engineer-in-Chief put it down at £300,000. It is generally believed, however, that the work will not cost anything like the last named figure, and it will be carried out as soon as possible.

A SURPRISE to the Government *Gazette*, which was published yesterday, contained a list of overdue rents on conditional leases and also a list of conditional leases, the areas of which have been measured and rents determined.

The arbitration proceedings in the case of O'Rourke and McSherry v. the Commissioners for Railways continued in the Equity Court yesterday. The plaintiffs claimed £100,000 for work done and damages in connection with their contract for the construction of the Murramurrah-Young Railway. The arbitrators were:—Mr. R. G. Watkins, nominated by the plaintiffs; Mr. W. T. Poole, nominated by the defendant; and Mr. W. H. Jennings, nominated by both parties. Mr. Want and Mr. O'Connor, instructed by Mr. John McLaughlin, again appeared for the plaintiffs; and Mr. Pilcher and Mr. C. B. Stephen, instructed by the Crown Solicitor, for the defendant. Mr. McSherry's examination was continued, and lasted all day. He gave evidence as to various claims by the plaintiffs for extra work ordered by Mr. Simpson, the district engineer, during his tenure of office. The various items were well received and appreciated by a large audience of members and their friends. The Rev. George Brown said he was never more proud of anything during his travels than he was of being an Australian. He had seen a great many places, but he liked New South Wales as well as any. He was pleased to see so many of the members who were there at the commencement of the association four years ago. He thought the reason they had succeeded so well was because they recognised the "social" element. He thought they might extend their powers for good by introducing "study" classes of different kinds. They had his best wishes for success. Refreshments were provided by the ladies, which brought an exceedingly pleasant evening to a close.

The anniversary of the Granville Baptist Church was celebrated by a special service and a service of song on Sunday last, and a social gathering on Wednesday evening. The Rev. P. S. Young, of the Parramatta Primitive Methodist Church, presided over large congregations on Sunday morning and evening, and a service of song, entitled "Billy Brass," was successfully rendered in the afternoon. The social gathering on Wednesday evening was held in the Albert Hall, and the Rev. J. Strengthen, pastor, presided at the after meeting. Addresses appropriate to the occasion were delivered by the chairman, the Rev. E. Price (Bathurst), and Mr. I. J. Brown.

The report, read by Mr. J. Ardill, jun., showed satisfactory progress in the Church and school. The choir and Sunday school scholars rendered a number of sacred selections during the evening, and the proceedings were brought to a close by the pronouncing of the Benediction.

A SOCIETY gathering of the members of the Stamford Wesleyan Mutual Improvement Society, and a large number of their friends, was held in the School Hall, on the evening of Wednesday last. The building was neatly arranged after the fashion of a drawing-room, and beautifully decorated with ferns and appropriate floral mottoes. During the entertainment, which consisted of a selection of instrumental music, songs, and recitations, rendered by lady and gentleman members, the chairman, Mr. H. Hicks, on behalf of the members of the Mutual Improvement Society, in commanding terms presented the Rev. W. Clarke, the retiring president, with a marble clock, and various volumes of books, as mementoes of their appreciation of the valuable services which he had rendered the society during the past three years wherein he exercised the functions of office. Mr. Clarke suitably acknowledged the gift. The chairman then tendered a hearty welcome to the Rev. G. Martin, who intimated that he would do what he could to advance the interests of the society, for he was convinced that such organisations were capable of achieving and communicating a vast amount of good.

A SOCIETY meeting, consisting of Mr. J. P. Garvan, Mr. Henry Clarke, and Mr. H. Dawson, M.L.A., and Mr. Shield, waited upon the Minister for Works yesterday, with reference to the road from Bombera to Merimbula, for which a sum of £2000 had been placed on the Estimates by the last Government, but which was not on the Estimates to be submitted to the House. It was pointed out that the road was almost an

necessity for the district, and that a large number of people were interested in its being put in a proper state for traffic. The southern portion of Merimbula, which was very thickly populated, would be greatly benefited by it. There were no engineering difficulties to be contended with. The road was now in a fearful condition, and only recently two terrible accidents had occurred on it to commercial travellers. Mr. Sutherland, in reply, said the whole of the facts which had been submitted to him had been before the department for some time, and departmental action had been taken. Arrangements, he believed, had been made between the engineer-in-chief for roads and bridges and the local members, by which a sum of something like £2500 was to be divided over four or five roads in the district, and this grant was to remain over for another year. Messrs. Garvan, Clarke, and Dawson declared that they knew nothing of the arrangements referred to by the Minister. Mr. Sutherland said he had been informed that what he stated was true. He had no doubt that the road was bad, but he had been dealing with the Treasurer, the engineer, and the members of the district behind his back, and he could not be answerable for what had taken place. He had done what he considered, having regard to the reports of the officers, the best he could in the matter.

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## Auction Sales.

SALE OF HORSES, VEHICLES, AND HARNESS,

PRINCE'S BAZAAR, SATURDAY NEXT, 10th instant, old stock.

W. GARLING has been instructed to sell by auction, all horses, &amp;c., of his Master (late Fennelly's), on FRIDAY next, 10th instant, at 1 o'clock.

On sale Mr. Walter Lamb.

NINETY-THREE STATIONERS, pair bay carriage horses, with black points; 16 hands, broken to single and double harness and saddle, accustomed to heavy driving and racing.

These horses may be seen in harness at the Pitt-street entrance to Bassar-Yards, from 8 to 10 o'clock; and at the same hour in front of the Royal Hotel, Pitt-street.

ALBURY (bay), over 16 hands, a beautiful horse for brougham or coach, being quiet, with good style.

Pearl-hand drag, 15 hands, a bold and hardy horse.

LAWRENCE (black), a stout and docile harness horse, 16 hands, brain-mounted.

On account of Mr. J. C. White.

A pair of bay carriage horses, 15 hands, and four other medium-sized harness horses, particulars of which will be given in future sales.

METROPOLITAN EXHIBITION, MOORE PARK.

W. GARLING intends holding his usual STOCK SALES on Saturday (second day) of the Exhibition, and at his Bassar, and will give details of particular exhibitors holding stock sales.

UPSTANDING BAY LIGHT HARNESS HORSE, 16 hands.

BROWN BROS. and CO. have received instructions to sell by auction, at the City Horse Bassar, Castlereagh-street.

THIS DAY, 11 a.m. An upstanding, strong, well-made bay horse; subject to trial, and double harness.

A HANDOME GREY MARK, first-class harness.

BROWN BROS. and CO. have received instructions to sell privately.

A first-class new Victoria, imported from England; built by Mallard.

CORPORATION YARDS.

BROWN BROS. and CO. will sell by auction, at the Corporation Yards, THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock.

Prize fat pigs.

F. L. BARKER will sell by auction, at his Stores, at 9.30 a.m.; and at 2.30 p.m. Tallow.

HARRISON, JONES, and DEVLIN, Limited, will sell by auction, THIS DAY, Friday, the first instant, at 10 o'clock. Hides, calfskin, &amp;c.

And at 2 o'clock.

Cakes tallow.

Terms, cash.

WEEKLY PRODUCE SALE.

HILL, CLARK, and CO. will sell by auction, at their Produce stores, Circular Quay, THIS DAY, Friday, at 10 a.m.

At half-past 1 o'clock sharp.

Hides, yearlings, &amp;c.

At half-past 2 o'clock.

Cakes tallow.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Stock Yard Yards, THIS DAY, Friday, at 12 m.

100 first-class dead pigs, corn-fed, per rail.

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At half-past 1 o'clock sharp.

Cakes, pigs, lamb, steaks.

100 cups pony of all kinds.

At 2 o'clock.

The usual weekly supply of dairy produce, comprising roll butter, ham, bacon, eggs, cheese, from the best dairies in the Southern districts, superior corn-fed bacon, 100 cases fresh eggs, bread, honey, &amp;c., &amp;c.

THE SOUTH COAST AND WEST CAMDEN CO-OPERATIVE COMPANY.

At the Stock Yards, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m.

Pigs and calves.

In lots to suit purchasers.

CARCASS PORK, CARCASS PORK.

ELLIS and CO. will sell by auction, at their Yards, 791, George-street North, THIS DAY, at 1 o'clock.

Fat calves, hams, pigs, suckers.

50 carcasses pork, per rail.

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A large quantity of poultry, including ducks, geese, turkeys, &amp;c., &amp;c.

At 4 o'clock.

Hides, tallow, wool, sheepskins, &amp;c.

PRODUCE SALE at Durring Harbour.

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HOG, swin, chad, whole, mutton, pigs, &amp;c.

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Lobster, hake, cod, herring, &amp;c.

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AT DARING HARBOUR RAILWAY STATION, THIS DAY, at 9.30 a.m.

TATE BROTH, AGENCY AND TRADING COMPANY, Limited, will sell by auction, as above.

AUCTION SALE OF PRODUCE.

GRAIN SALE HOUSE, 158, Sussex-street, at 10 o'clock.

THIS DAY, Friday.

TATE BROTH, A. and T. CO., Limited, will sell by auction, of their Stock Yards, 158, Sussex-street, at 10 o'clock.

6 cans red and 3 cans white colonial wine, from one of the best vineyards.

BENNETT, LITTLE, and CO. will sell by auction, at their Bassar-Yards, 158, Pitt-street, Sydney, SATURDAY, April, Friday, 11 a.m. sharp, without reserve.

50 bags flour, 5 cwt. each counter better.

FERNBANK HEIGHTS.—The cream of Marrickville-Yards. Branks and Wolfe, Freights, &amp;c., &amp;c.

MERRIMAN HEIGHTS, choicer position in Marrickville-Yards, &amp;c., &amp;c.

GEORGE'S HALL ESTATE, Cabramatta.—Free Railway Tickets at the Rooms. Sale NEXT SATURDAY, April.

HARDIE and GORMAN, Auctioneers, 158, Pitt-street.

ALCOLM Estate, Macdonaldtown.—Sale To-morrow.

Call for name. T. H. and S. Smith.

## CHOICE SUBDIVISION.

COOPER'S PADDOCK, Stanfield.

THIS DAY, Bassist, at 11 o'clock.

BRICKFIELD HILL.

UNRESERVED CLEARANCE SALE OF GOOD BUILDING MATERIALS, &amp;c.

DOORS, BARS, BOARDS

Joints, Scrolling, Refers.

Flooring, Lambs, &amp;c.

BRICK, GALVANISED IRON, &amp;c.

Lots to suit purchasers.

W. M. CRANE, Jun., has received instructions to sell by auction, at the premises, George and Swan street, Brickfield-Hill.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 11 a.m.

On the Premises, 42, FOVEUX-STREET, SURRY HILLS.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS.

B. HARRIS and CO. have received instructions to sell the above by auction, on the premises, 42, Foveaux-street, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, 29, 11 a.m. WITHOUT RESERVE.

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J. G. FLEMING and SONS will sell by auction, on the Premises, 74, Regg-street, opposite Olivier-street, Paddington.

The superior walnut piano. NO reserve.

Outdoor Sales promptly attended to.

J. G. FLEMING and SONS, Auctioneers, 74, Pitt-street.

THIS DAY, Friday, at 2 o'clock.

Household Effects, Drawers, Loo, Dining and Kitchen Tables, Austrian Chairs, Coaches, C. S. Chair, Cedar Chiffoniers, Boxes, enclosed Drawers, Carpets. Also, Office Tables, Stoves, &amp;c.

U.S.N. and WEBB will sell by auction, at their Rooms, 29, Pitt-street, THIS DAY, at 2 o'clock, the above.

TO COUNTRY FARMERS.

SAUNDERS and CO. have received instructions to sell by auction at 25, King-street, Newington, the plan and tools, &amp;c., of a confectioner, comprising iron work, bellows, scales, &amp;c., &amp;c.

NOTICE.—Buyers of furniture of this sale will receive a discount of 10%.

FURNISHERS attend this sale; best bargains anywhere.

Also, two PIANOS. NO reserve.

EDWARD FRENCH will sell as above.

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